



## Catholic School Advisory Agenda & Minutes

January 26, 2026 | 5:30 pm | Virtual

**Present: Sarah Blake, Sarah Skinn, Kim Albers, Cheryl Riegling, Sophia-Marie Carew, Mary-Lou Albers, Christa Heibein, Sandra Murphy, Kathleen Cottrill, Jude Baoy, Grace Lockhart**

**Regrets:**

### **AGENDA:**

#### **1. Welcome and Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make decisions that might affect the students, staff, and friends of Sacred Heart School. We ask these things in your name, Amen.*

#### **2. Review of October Minutes**

##### [October 2025 Minutes](#)

- a. Motion to Approve: Kim Albers
- b. Second: Cheryl Riegling

#### **3. Financial Report**

##### **Current balance \$643.42 (Fall fundraisers in, picnic tables paid)**

- a. Motion to Approve: Sandra Murphy
- b. Second: Kim Albers

#### **4. Principal Report & Business Arising from Report**

- a. Northern Huron-Perth Catholic Family of Parishes Update
  - i. First Communion - Higher number of participants this year
  - ii. Confirmation - Preparation has started in class
- b. Catholic School Initiatives
  - i. PRO Grant Opportunity
    1. The Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant helps school boards partner with their parent involvement committees (CSACs) to lead projects that meet local school needs. The goal is to remove barriers that prevent parents from fully participating in their children's education and faith formation.
    2. Example discussed;
      - Purchasing of resources to assist families with engaging in learning activities at home - math, literacy, the arts
      - Engaging parents/families in a volunteer program and purchasing of materials to assist in organizing this
    3. Application process - open until February 27, 2026
      - Other schools use their PRO grant towards a meal at a school open house (idea for next year)
      - Sandra Murphy will brainstorm ideas for this year

c. School Improvement Planning

i. EQAO Results

1. Grade 3: 70.6% at/above provincial standard in reading

76.5% at/above provincial standard in writing

64.7% at/above provincial standard in math

Grade 6: 92.9% at/above the provincial standard in reading

78.6% at/above the provincial standard in writing

35.7% at/above the provincial standard in math

ii. EDIAR - Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Anti-Racism Club \*Coming Soon\*

1. Students who are part of the club will have a bulletin board to create awareness, as well as teaching in the classroom with an adult

iii. Student Council

Newly created since our last CSAC meeting

d. Playground Update

i. Property Line - Not able to install soccer nets as we hoped. Purchased large pylons to use for the time being.

**5. Fundraising Update**

a. Picnic Tables

b. Spring Fundraiser

i. Wright Blooms Greenhouse (due by March 5th, delivery in May), FreshBox (different format this time with codes to be used), Greens Meat Market

ii. Francine is working at organizing the paperwork so it can go out to families

iii. Suggested start of week after March break to increase participation for FreshBox

iv. CSAC still hopeful to raise money for new volleyball nets, to review at our next meeting (superintendent is visiting soon)

c. Grade 8 Fundraiser

i. Forms came home for maple syrup, as well as a fish fry in April

**6. Other Business**

a. CPIC Update (Sandra)

i. Lots of information on AI, teaching students on what is truthful and what is not

ii. Literacy team is traveling around and helping out

iii. Highlights of scores of EQAO, as well as how testing is happening

b. Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday

i. Tuesday February 17, 2026

1. Cheryl has the hall booked (usually book right after Christmas break), and will contact Greens

2. Francine will reach out to contacts regarding sponsoring items

3. Kim and Mary-Lou will reach out to find a donation for milk

4. 189 students, 28 staff members, Deacon Wayne and Father Philip Joseph

## **7. Closing Prayer**

*Loving God,*

*We thank You for bringing us together this evening as partners in supporting our children, their learning, and their growth. Bless the ideas we have shared and the decisions we have made, that they may bring life and joy to our school community.*

*As we leave this meeting, may we carry forward a spirit of cooperation, respect, and care for one another.*

*Guide us always to work with patience, wisdom, and love, so that our children may continue to thrive in a safe and faith-filled environment.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

## **8. Meeting Adjourned (6:20pm)**

**Next meeting: Monday May 11, 2026 5:30pm**

There must be a minimum of 5 parents/council members (Chair, Vice Chair (or Co-Chairs), Treasurer, Secretary and the chair or delegate from each committee and sub-committee) present in order for voting to be able to take place.